Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* It is not that. What I want to know is whether an enquiry will be made to see whether the provisions of the Factories Act are being complied with?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* When there is necessity it will be done. If you make a definite allegation then it will be a sound reason for an enquiry. On this matter Government have no information.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* When the question is put.....

Mr. President: Order, order. It does not always follow that because a question is put there is something wrong. I think if the Hon'ble Member wishes Government to make an enquiry, in fairness to Government he ought to place, before Government all information which he has, which leads him to think that there is something wrong.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether any report has been received by Government from the Factory Inspectors regarding this particular factory?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* We have received a report.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)* : That everything is O. K. there?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* Not that everything is O.K. The management closed the factory because it was working at a loss.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether the enquiry was with regard to the legality or otherwise of the lock-out?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* For the moment they have gone there only for that purpose.

Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* It is stated in the answer that the Labour Commissioner persuaded the management to re-open the factory. That means there is no loss.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* At the time they had gone there to make the enquiry the factory was working at a loss. But subsequently the Labour Commissioner and the Inspector persuaded them to re-open the factory.

Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)* : Then I presume that the factory owners thought that the persuasion of the Commissioner would give them profits.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* Of course it is for you to make any presumption in the circumstances.

Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)* : Was it not the motive of the concern to put labour into an awkward position?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* No, Sir, I can state for the information of the Hon'ble Member that the reason for closing the factory was that the Government of India had placed certain restrictions in the export of this cashewnut.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether this factory has been declared as a factory under the Factories Act?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* I want notice.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether this comes under the Public Health Act and is any license issued since this is a dangerous trade?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* I want notice.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD COMMITTEE

72. Mr. P. Kumaran Euhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have the ad hoc Committee appointed by the Government to report on the working of the Staff Selection Board submitted its report;

(*b*) will copies of the report be made availabe to the members of the House;

(c) had not most of the departmental heads given oral or written evidence regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the working of the Board;

(*d*) are not the members of the Board full time officers of the Government holding very responsible posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The report has been published in the Gazette; a copy of which is placed on the Council table.

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(c) Some of the Heads of the Departments have stated that efficiency has been abversely affected by the present system of recruitment by the Staff Selection Board.

(d) They are the Chief Secretary to Government, the Advocate-General and the Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, out of the 108 heads of departments and offices that sent up answers to the questionnaire 99 per cent had not emphatically stated that as a result of the recruitment of candidates by the Staff Selection Board efficiency has suffered very much.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I do not know the exact number. As is pointed out here, some of them have stated that effeciency is affected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* My question is with reference to the Gazette publishing this Committee's report which contains a statement that 108 institutions and 382 individuals sent answers to the questionnaire. Now I seek to enquire whether out of this 108 a very large percentage had not strongly adverted to the inefficiency of the services.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Quite true.

Mr. P. A. Muhamad Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know Sir, whether the Committee has made any suggestion to cure this defect?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The entire report has been published in the Gazette and it deals with this question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether any Government Officer had not stated that this inefficiency which is adverted to by many is the result of those departmental heads not being able to exact the amount and quality of work from the subordinates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E., *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It is very difficult to answer that question because it is a very complicated question. Different reasons were alleged by different heads of departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether one particular officer of the Government had not reported that the efficiency of the services has deteriorated because the heads of departments are not able to exact work from their subordinates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I do not remember.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, when was this discovery made that the standard of education in Cochin is low?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The Committee came to that conclusion along with certain other conclusions arrived at by them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want to know, Sir, when the Government did discover that the standard of education is very low.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Government endorsed the views of the Committee about a month ago.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was it without making sure, Sir, that that part of the report is correct or not that the Government endorsed that part of the committee's views.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Cheif Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So, Sir the Government is not sure whether the standard of education in Cochin is low or not.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Government were sure. Government passed the orders on the report a month ago.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So when the Committee reported that the standard of education Sir, is low the Government also became aware of that. Is it so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വള്ളിസ്സ്: പ്രമേനിന്ന ഒരാളെയും കൂടി ഇതിൽ ചേർക്കുമെ ഏൽ നന്നായിരിക്കയില്ലേ?

Rama Varmha Tampuram, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I do not think that question arises.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, what is printed here against (*d*) is "They are the Chief Secretary to Government, the Advocate-General and the Chief Medical Officer." May I know to which sub-division of the question is that answer.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sub-division (*d*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are not the members of the Board Sir, responsible officers of the Government?

Mr. President: That question has been answered. The question whether they are responsible officers is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether the Chief Secretary to Government is a full time officer or not?

Mr. President: I think the Hon'ble Member is perfectly able to answer that question himself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The purpose of supplementary questions is to obtain information which is not in the possession of the Hon'ble Member. The Hon'ble Member is abusing his right of putting supplementary questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I may be in possession of so many things but I have a right to get that information from the Government so that the public may know it.

Mr. President: The public are equally well aware as the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am not sure of that Sir. May I know whether he is not holding a responsible post.

Mr. President: Order, order. I must rule the question out of order.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ്സ് കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: ഈ വേക്കൻസികൾ റിപ്പോർട്ടുചെയ്യാൽ ഉടനെതന്നെ ആളുകളെ വെച്ചുകിട്ടുന്നില്ലായെന്നുള്ള കംപ്ലെയിൻറ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് ഹെഡ്സിൽ നിന്നു കിട്ടാറുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ചിലപ്പോൾ ആവലാതികൾ വരാറുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ്സ് കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: അതിനുള്ള കാരണം ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ ആഫീസർ ടൂറിങ്ങ് ചെയ്യുന്ന സമയം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനായതുകൊണ്ടാണോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: അതു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻറെ കുറ്റംകൊണ്ടൊന്നുമല്ല.

Mr. P. A. Muhamad Ashrof *(Cranganur):* What action has been taken on that complaint?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It was found that the complaint is not correct.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the members of the Board being full time and responsible officers, they do not find time to follow the specific rules laid down for the selection of candidates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E., *(Chief Secretary to Government):* They have never deviated from the rules.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I would like to know Sir, whether rule 4 of the rules framed for the selection of candidates, *viz.*, that candidates, in order to test their efficiency, should be required to attend in person for a *viva voce* or some such test is followed except in the case of the selection of candidates for technical posts.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It is never followed because the working of the system is such. We can go about interviewing candidates only if requisitions from candidates come sufficiently early. A report comes to us that a vacancy arises within two or three days. Where is the time for us to have the interview? That has been the difficulty. As a matter of fact even when these rules were framed, it was never intended at that time that every candidate to be appointed should be interviewed. That is my honest impression after reading the rules. The rules only say "may interview". I never think that that is the intention of the Government. If that were so, one departmental head or other or one member or other of this Hon'ble House would have raised this question. That is why these interviews were not so seriously taken note of by the members of the Board. It is not on account of negligence.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether as a result of not interviewing candidates, stammerers have been appointed as school masters.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Stammerers have been school masters not only now but even in olden days. We have had occasion to deal with them in our school days.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* That is very poor consolation indeed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* May I know whether there is any particular reason for the appointment of these three officers as members of the Staff Selection Board? Is it the convention that the Chief Medical Officer, Chief Secretary to the Government and the Advocate-General should form the Board?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It came about like this. On account of the delay in making the selection Government decided about 5 or 6 years ago that every week there should be a meeting and it was thought that it will be best to have senior local officers who are stationed at Ernakulam. Some other considerations also weighed with them in making the selection, *i.e.* community, status and responsibility of the officers.

Mr. C. S. Panicker *(Adoor):* Do the Government think that the standard of education has gone low?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* That point has to be investigated.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഓരോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റുകളിലുള്ള ചില വേക്കൻസികളിൽ ലിവ് റിസർവ്വായി നിറുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നവരിൽനിന്ന് appoint ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് ഹെഡ്സിനു തന്നെ അധികാരമില്ലേ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ചിലപ്പോഴും ചില ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റുകളിൽ അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യാറുണ്ട്. അതു കൺട്രോളറാപ്പീസ്സ്, സെക്രട്ടേറിയറ്റ് മുതലായ ചില ആപ്പീസ്സുകളിലാണ്.

PORT CARGO LABOUR UNION—COMPLAINT AGAINST A CONSTABLE

73. Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Police has received any complaint from the Secretary of the Port Cargo Labour Union that a Head Constable had called and threatened one cargo labourer Muhamad Bapputty on 11th Medam 1121;

(*b*) what action was taken on the complaint?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) A complaint has been received alleging that the Head Constable threatened one labourer on 24th May 1946/10th Edvam 1121.

(*b*) The allegation was enquired into but was found to be baseless.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether the complainant was questioned in this particular case.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have to repeat the same answer because the Government have not got the list of people from whom statements were recorded.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether in this particular case the complainant was interrogated and he was given a chance to substantiate the charges.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have nothing more to say.

Mr. President: I would suggest that it will be a good thing if in these cases fuller reports are obtained from the heads of the departments with fuller details of the enquiry made.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. എ. മുഹമ്മത് അബ്ദുറഹ്: ഇതിനുമുമ്പുള്ള ചോദ്യത്തിനു് ഫ ഫ ഫ മേടം ഫ ഫാംനു-യാണെന്നും പിന്നീടുള്ള ചോദ്യത്തിനു് ഫ ഫ ഫ ഫ എടവം ഫ ഫാംനു-യാണെന്നും മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നുണ്ടു്; ഈ സംഭവം ഏ വിടെവെച്ചുണ്ടായതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രകാരം തന്നെയാണുണ്ടായതു്.

COMPLAINT AGAINST A CONSTABLE

74. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവർമ്മെന്റു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഫ ഫ ഫ മേടം ഫ ഫാംനു- മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി ബസ്സാറിൽക്കൂടി പോയിരുന്ന മുഹമ്മദ് ബാപ്പുട്ടി എന്ന തോണി തൊഴിലാളിയെ ഐലണ്ട് ഹെഡ്സ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾ മിസ്റ്റർ ജാമിർബായി വിളിച്ചു ഭീഷണിപ്പെടുത്തി എന്ന കാണിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് കൊച്ചിൻ പോർട്ട്കാർഗോ ലേബർ യൂണിയൻ സിക്രട്ടറിയിൽനിന്നും മേടം ഫ ന്യാംനു- പൊലീസ് കമ്മിഷണർക്കു വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ തൽസംബന്ധമായി എന്തു നടപടി എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

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